

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-5, 7-16, 18-22, 27-36, 38-47 and 49-53 are allowed. The prior art failed to disclose the features for selecting a next acquisition remote node according to at least one of a round robin algorithm, a least recently used algorithm, and a priority algorithm; selecting a next frequency based on an offset frequency of a previous acquisition command; and wherein the second acquisition command identifies the next acquisition remote node for acquisition and includes the next frequency, as recited in claims 1, 12, 32 and 43.
2. The prior art failed to disclose the feature for transmitting a sequence of downlink messages from the hub to the remote node that is not yet acquired with a common time interval between the start of each downlink message, said common time interval being less than twice a time elapsed between sending one of the downlink messages from the hub and receiving the one of the downlink messages at the remote node, as recited in claims 8, 19, 27, 39 and 50.

***Conclusion***

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